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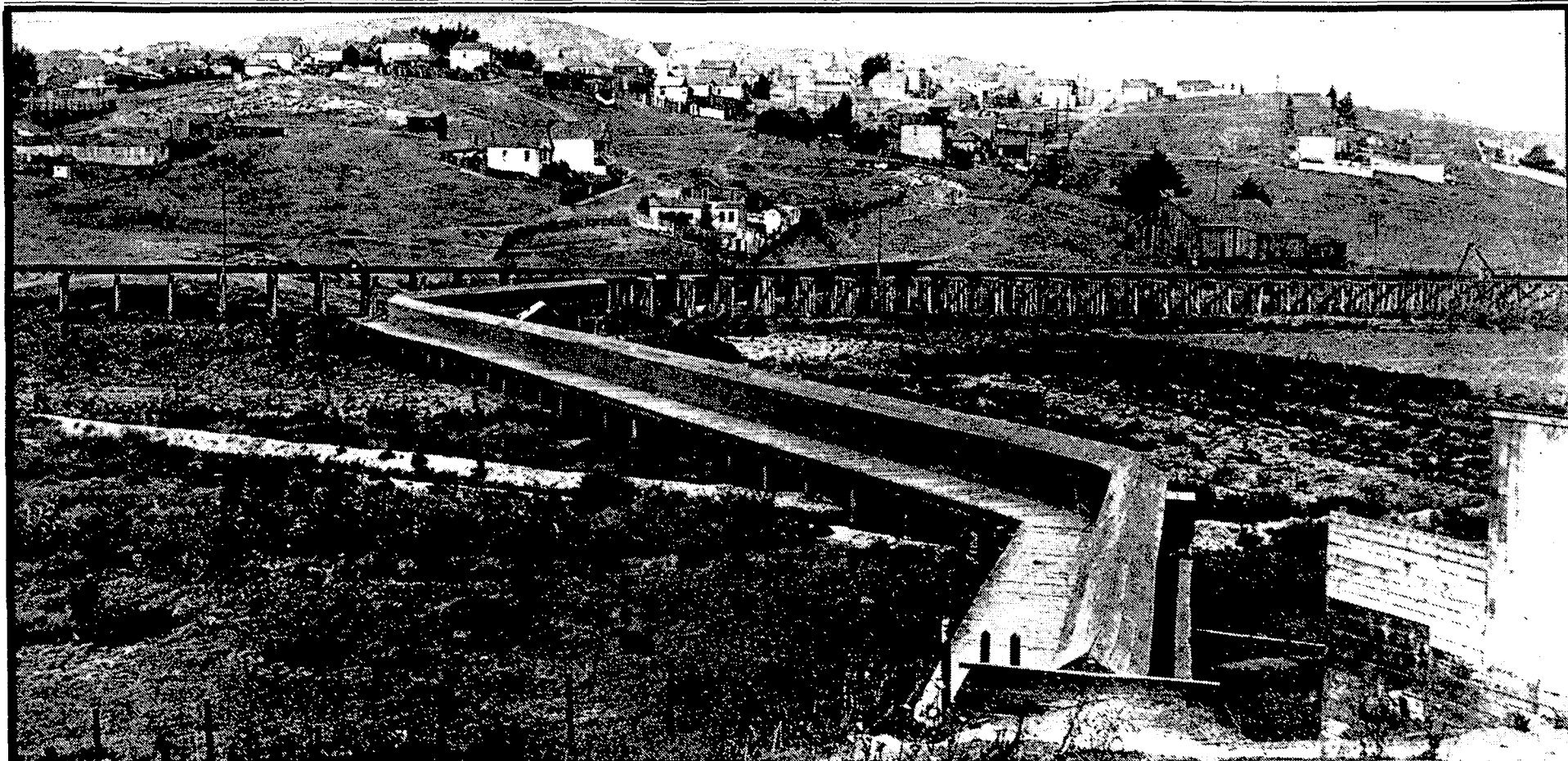


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This 1913 photograph shows the south-eastern end of Bernal Heights crossed by the San Bruno Railroad Tressel and a wood covered water aquaduct. Vegetable fields are below the sparsely developed hillsides. Today this site is occupied by the Farmer's Market and the Bayshore-280 Freeway Interchange.—Photo courtesy of Greg Garr.

Keep It Clean!

by Linda Walsh

On Saturday, November 3, at nine in the morn, neighbors of all ages, shapes and sizes will meet in front of the Bernal Library to prepare to take to the streets—with brooms and bags. Then they'll scout about for litter that's stashed in empty lots, corners or curbs. Free debris boxes will be located throughout the area for this Bernal Heights Clean-Up Day.

It's also a chance to dump your junk for free. Clean out your closets, basements, attics, yards and garages. During the week preceding the Clean-Up, complimentary refuse bags for collecting your junk will be available at the Bernal Library, Bernal Gym and Cortland Avenue stores.

This neighborhood project was the idea of Allen Perdue, a Moultrie Street resident, who contacted Henry Diaz, coordinator of San Franciscans for a Cleaner City (the Mayor's Litter Committee). Working closely with the Department of Public Works (DPW), Diaz assists residents in a neighborhood to get debris boxes,

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Supe Candidates Play 5 Questions

For this election issue the *Journal* decided to ask Supervisor Lee Dolson and candidate Nancy Walker, the two front-runners for District 9 Supervisor, five questions of concern to us on the Heights. First the questions, then the answers.

- 1) Do you support Prop R, the Affordable Housing/Rent Control initiative? Why or why not.
- 2) What is your position on restoring the open space cuts (Prop J)?
- 3) Do you think that services should be cut back at San Francisco General Hospital?
- 4) Do you support Prop O, the anti-highrise initiative? Why or why not.
- 5) Have you given active support to the various Bernal neighborhood plans such as the East Slope Powhattan Strip plan or Elsie Street plan?

Supervisor Lee Dolson

- 1) No, I do not support Proposition R. I

voted for the rent control ordinance now on the books and feel that if it is given a chance to work it will provide effective protection to renters and will encourage the building of new housing in San Francisco.

- 2) I favor restoring the open space cuts (Proposition J). Now is the time to go ahead before prices increase even more.
- 3) No, I do not.
- 4) I do not support Proposition O. I feel that the way to control the heights of buildings is through the regular functions of the Planning Department and the Board of Supervisors.
- 5) Yes, I have given active support to various Bernal Heights neighborhood plans such as the East Slope Powhattan plan and the Elsie Street plan.

Candidate Nancy Walker

- 1) Yes, I have endorsed Prop R, the Rent Control Initiative as a necessary first step toward a comprehensive housing policy for the City.

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***** Bulletin *****

The Board of Supervisors today passed favorably on the Community Development Block Grant package for Bernal Heights which includes: \$250,000 for the community center on Cortland Ave., \$60,000 for housing and community center development staff, \$60,000 for housing finance, and \$30,000 for Cortland Avenue commercial revitalization.

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BERNAL HEIGHTS AND SAN FRANCISCO

The *Bernal Journal* is an open forum of the community sponsored by the Bernal Fund. It is dedicated to providing the people of Bernal Heights with neighborhood news, ideas, issues, and events. Articles with by-lines express the views of the individual and not necessarily those of the *Journal* or its editors.

The next meeting of the *Bernal Journal* is Wednesday, November 21, at 8pm at 196 Bocana St. Anybody with an idea or interest is invited. **Deadline for ads, classifieds, announcements, cartoons, pictures and articles is November 30.**

EDITORS: Steve Chapple and Ann Kyle

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The *Journal* is looking for one new editor and for a distribution coordinator. If you're interested drop us a line, address below.

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NEW EDITORS NEEDED!!!

The *Bernal Journal* is looking for two new editors. This issue will be Steve Chapple's last and Ann Kyle Nolan is leaving soon. With over a year of good production behind them, they are moving on to new jobs and ever-active family lives.

Here's how the paper works and what the job of editor involves: First, would-be editors should realize that there's a solid crew of volunteers who get out the paper (all *BJ* staff, including the editors are volunteer). Regular as clockwork, about six to nine neighbors show up on layout

night to paste down the paper. We have a great Ad manager, who works soliciting ads and maintaining good relations with the shop owners and community groups who use our paper. Articles are written by many Hill residents, from regular features like Barbara Pitschel's Natural History to community news by our staff reporter, R.J. Dutra. Every issue we wonder if we'll have enough copy; every issue we cut and cram to fit it all in. (Sometimes we can't.) Our treasurer is a backbone of fiscal responsibility and the two people who mail the paper have a better track record than the post office. A distribution network spreads over most of the Hill. Residents walk their block or precinct to put a *Journal* at every door. Combined with a great typesetter and printer, we have a pretty smooth operation which runs in the black and enjoys a good reputation around Bernal Heights and Citywide.

The job of editor is to coordinate all this activity. The paper comes out every two months. There is one evening meeting between issues which most of the staff attends. We discuss future issues and general business. Two or three phone calls between the editors after that, is all that's needed to make sure everything is progressing well. The Ad man calls to report what's come in; the treasurer to report the bank balance; two or three trips to the typesetter with copy; about six hours of layout spread over two nights; a trip to the printers and that's it. Not hard work, lots of good company. You'll learn marketable skills and earn the respect of your neighbors. Students can use it as a credit at school and it's a great way to get to know the neighborhood. New editors will be trained by past editors, a long fine line of folks, like Pat Helton and Greg Catani. Think about it; give us a call. If you're interested in any other job on the paper, you are always invited to join. Call Ann Kyle at 824-2398 or the Community Center at 826-3959.



LETTERS

Dear Editors,

In response to the uproar in these pages last spring about the realtor, Michael Sargent, we thought we would let you know of our experiences with him.

We set out to purchase our first home in the spring of 1978 and happened into Mr. Sargent's old office on Cortland at Prospect. He promised to get us into our "dream house" through working with him for a period of about a year to a year and a half. It seemed to us that his idea was buying houses cheaply and selling them within a month or two at a great profit, while doing minimal or no work on the house. If we agreed to work with him in this manner, he said he would only charge about a 3 1/2% realtor's fee, for each sale. If we wanted to work on the house, he suggested having the loan written for more than the sale price, thereby getting an extra few thousand dollars at the (then) 10% interest rate, rather than the usual higher rate for home improvement money. He encouraged us to keep bidding on properties well below the asking price, until we finally caught a "desperate" seller willing to sell at the lower price. This would give us the opportunity to turn it around at market value and get a substantial profit. We were to continue to repeat this process until the "dream house" became affordable to us, which he felt would take about a year.

We did bid on one house through Mr. Sargent, but the low bid was not accepted. We became disenchanted with him and his methods when we found there were houses on the market which we both could afford and be happy living in. We found another house through another realtor to bid on. Mr. Sargent telephoned us about our plans and he questioned us about this house. He wanted to know where it was and what we had bid. Naively, we told him, believing our conversation was confidential. Two hours later he brought in one of his clients with a higher bid. We had to raise our bid substantially in order to buy the house in which we now live.

We seriously question the ethics of Michael Sargent's real estate practices.

Sincerely,
Seth and Wendy Katzman

Dear Editors:

Although the *Journal* looked good again this issue, I have a bone to pick. Whoever planned and/or laid out the Community Block Grant page made some mistakes: the merchants, the housing, and the community center were supposed to be given equal billing. It is especially important that the work of the BHCF around housing and the community center be seen as two parts of an overall program. What good is it if a community center gets funded and we all can't afford to live here, or if we don't have any staff to continue through on the acquisition of the center.

Hope future issue reflects this.

Sincerely,
Buck Bagot

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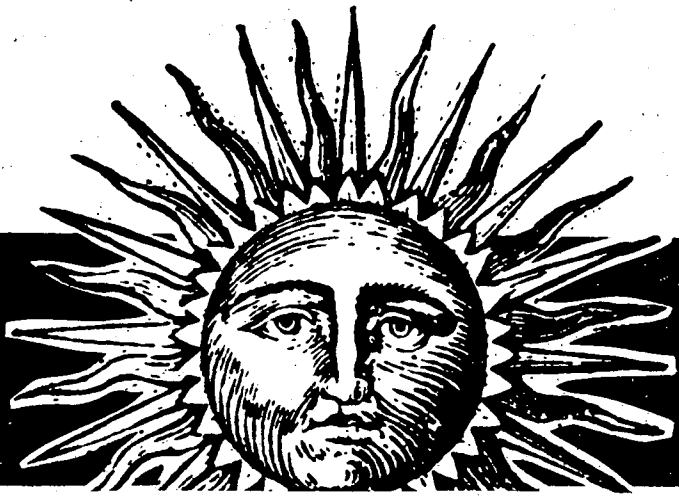
The recent union protest in front of the highrise-limitation initiative office underscores the need to understand the relationship between rampant Manhattanization and the destruction of our working class, multiracial City.

Not only do these tall, ugly buildings block our views, they add to our tax burden, as they gobble city services. The already horrendous housing squeeze is exacerbated by the influx of high-income executives and professionals bidding up the price of housing to sky-high levels. It is indeed ironic that at the same time some unions oppose the highrise-limitation initiative, thousands of blue collar jobs are lost in the transformation of San Francisco dictated by the large downtown corporations.

For these reasons, the San Francisco Renters' Alliance has endorsed, in addition to Proposition R's strong rent control, reasonable controls on highrise construction. These controls should be coupled with the commitment to build thousands of new units of low- and moderate-income housing, also creating thousands of new jobs.

—San Francisco RENTERS' ALLIANCE

Catherine Murray
Mike Davis
Michael Harney



Bernal Heights Selected For Neighborhood Energy Conservation Program

by Jennifer Bullard

The Department of City Planning is presently initiating a Neighborhood Energy Conservation program. The intention is to provide outreach and education on energy conservation methods in three model neighborhoods in the City. Bernal Heights, Hayes Valley, and Potrero Hill have been selected as target areas.

Below is a summary of the interest groups affected by this program and the services now available:

Interest Group(s)	Services														
<p>(1) ALL LOW-INCOME SAN FRANCISCO RESIDENTS: BOTH OWNERS & RENTERS WHOSE ANNUAL INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:</p> <table> <tr> <th>SIZE OF FAMILY UNIT</th><th>ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME</th></tr> <tr> <td>1</td><td>\$ 4,250</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>5,625</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>7,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>8,375</td></tr> <tr> <td>5</td><td>9,750</td></tr> <tr> <td>6</td><td>11,125</td></tr> </table> <p>(2) LANDLORDS OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING</p>	SIZE OF FAMILY UNIT	ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME	1	\$ 4,250	2	5,625	3	7,000	4	8,375	5	9,750	6	11,125	Free Weatherization (insulation, caulking, weatherstripping, etc.) for your home, apartment, or rental units.
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<p>(1) OWNERS & RENTERS OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES</p> <p>(2) OWNERS OF MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING</p>	A free assessment of your home or building's energy consumption and suggestions for conservation (administered by PG&E).														
COMMUNITY GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS	Guest lectures on energy conservation upon request.														

For further information on any of the above services, contact Jennifer Bullard, Department of City Planning at 558-4541.

POT POACHERS

by Bob Dutra

Once again the Fall Harvest season pits Bernal's Herb Farmers against the notorious Poachers.

Local horticulturists are rewarded with a spicy smelling plant, which is nourished by the Indian Summer sun and brought to potency by the chill Autumn nights.

But even high fences, vicious dogs and booby traps are no obstacle to the cunning Poachers who steal the harvest of someone else's labor.

Constant vigilance, early picking, or just good luck can protect these inflation-fighting Victory Gardens. Sowing a Fall crop indoors to be outside in the early Spring is another way of getting the jump on the Fence Jumpers.

'80 OPEN SPACE

PARK PLANS

Mary Gin Starkweather presented the 1980 Bernal Heights Open Space Program to the Citizens' Advisory Committee and the Recreation & Parks Dept. at their public "Needs Hearings" last September.

Harold Retler, Roland Pitschel and Bob Dutra prepared the 1980 Program. The first priority was restoration of the \$100,000 cut from the '79 Program by the Mayor and Supervisors.

Funds were requested to initiate the planning and public hearing process for landscape, recreation and circulation improvements to the Farmers' Market. A safe pedestrian and joggers path along Bernal Blvd. and the continued implementation of the 1968 "Radiating Step-Walk" plan were again requested.

Ms. Starkweather also represented the youth of the Mullen-Holladay Neighborhood, 30 of whom petitioned Park & Rec. for permission to hang a rope swing in their neighborhood park.

Doug Martin of Public Works, suggested the Committee provide funds for repairs to the Bernal Playground behind the Library.

The Advisory Committee's recommendations will be made public the end of this year.

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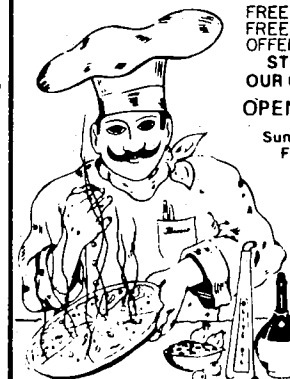
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Library News

by Ruth Maginnis

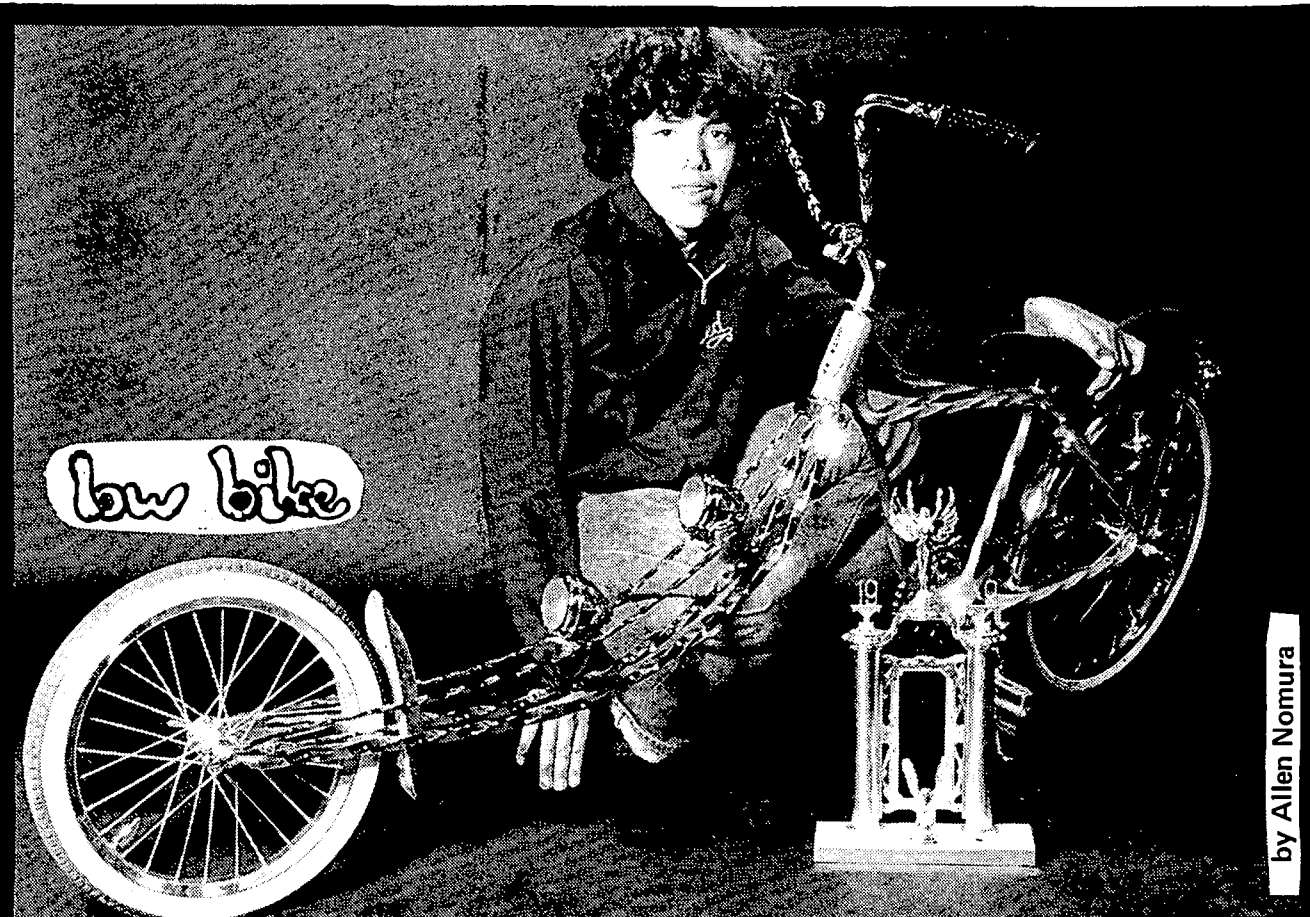
The Fourth Annual Bernal Heights Arts and Crafts Show will be at the Library from October 24 through November 30, with a Grand Opening Pot Luck Reception on October 24 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. On that day, the latest "Precita Eyes" portable mural will be unveiled; it will hang on the front (Cortland Avenue) of the Library for the duration of the art show. All artists and craftspeople who live or work in Bernal Heights are invited to bring pieces to exhibit (limit of two per artist). Special credit is due Bob and Marie Grimes and Mimi Mueller for their help in organizing, hanging, and labeling the exhibit.

Speaking of Community Art, finally there is money and permission to put a mural on the South (playground side) wall of the Library. However, for this project to happen, many Bernal Heights residents will need to become involved and donate some time and energy (as little as five minutes could help). This is the general schedule for the mural project:

1. As many people as possible should contact artists experienced in doing murals with community people to send a letter, describing their experience, interests, style, and availability, to the Library, 500 Cortland Avenue.
2. Interested residents could volunteer to be on a panel to choose the artist who could best work with adults and children on the mural and who could plan a mural design acceptable to the residents of the area; panelists would only need to be available a few hours to interview qualified artists at the Library. The panel should be representative of this very integrated community.
3. People interested in working on the mural should attend some workshops given by the artist for training in basic mural painting.
4. Anyone interested in working on the mural should show up at the Library at the times announced for mural painting. The mural will probably be done between December 1979 and April 1980, given approval by the Library and Art Commissions.

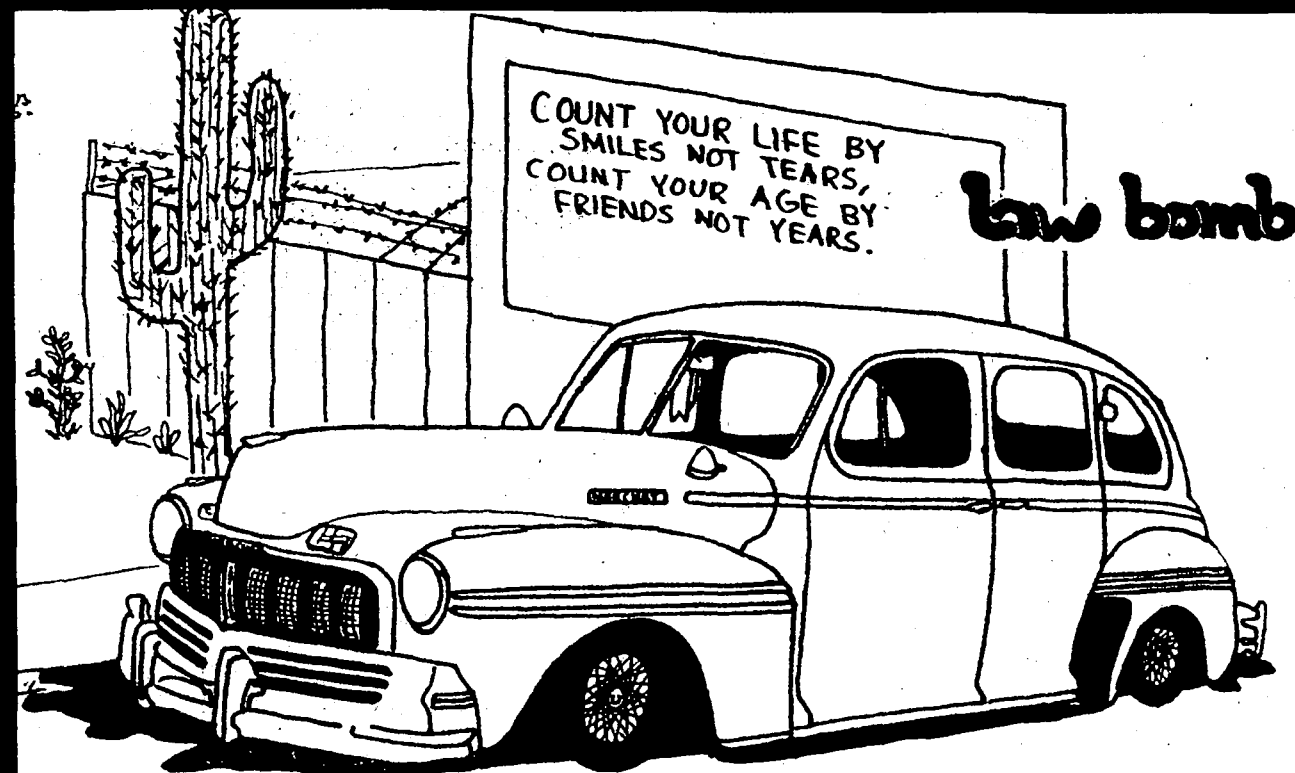
Library Programs

The Library will show films for children (FREE) on November 6 and 27 and December 11 (all Tuesdays); the preschool films are at 10:30 and 2:00, and the films for ages 6 and up will be at 4:00. Adult films for the holidays, Dylan Thomas' A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES and NORMAN ROCKWELL'S WORLD: AN AMERICAN DREAM, will be shown Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 at the Library. Complete schedules for films and other Library programs are available at the beginning of each month in the "Friends of the Library" publication, "FREE!" at the Library.



by Allen Nomura

Ted Martinez shows off his award winning cycle creation: an ordinary bike becomes a Cal-State low rider in the current tradition of low low cars.



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Bernal Heights Community Center

The last of the city funding hurdles is almost cleared! Both the budget analyst and the finance committee have recommended the Community Center for funding, only the Board of Supervisors is left to give the OK. In anticipation of the final recommendation for funding and the eventual receipt of the money in the early 1980s, the Bernal Heights Community Foundation has made the down payments on the two sites (513 and 515-517 Cortland Ave.) and has begun to plan the center services and layout.

The far-ranging interest and support in the project has led to the creation of the community center advisory committee. This is a committee of the Foundation—open to all Bernal residents—which will do the work and make the recommendations on all aspects of the center to the

Board of Directors. The committee has met once and is waiting for any additional members before setting a regular meeting time. If you would like the time and place of their next meeting, call 826-3959 or drop by the Foundation office at 307 Cortland Ave. If you are interested in helping plan the center, please call immediately—the committee will be closed to voting members in the near future.

The first meeting of the committee was well attended (20 residents) and the excitement of the group reflected the potential this center has for providing a locus for many services and community activities. This is especially clear to folks now that there is an upsurge of concern over youth unemployment and the problems that result. Although the group felt good about

the level of participation and commitment of individual members, there was concern expressed over low representation from minority residents of the hill and at the need for more professionals (we need a lawyer, architect, book-keeper...). If you fit any of the above-mentioned categories or know someone who does, please give us a call—you are needed!

COMMUNITY CENTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Received	Spent	Total
Youth Project loan (for down payment)	\$1,100.00	\$750.00	\$350.00
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ELECTION 1979

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SUPES. ANSWER:

Inflationary housing speculation, including condominium conversions, is driving low and middle income people out of San Francisco by making it impossible for them to rent or buy affordable housing in the City. The ordinance enacted by the Supervisors does not solve this problem, largely because the entire burden of initiating action rests on tenants rather than landlords, and because it offers no protection against arbitrary or retaliatory eviction.

Prop R addresses these problems as well as promoting new housing construction by non-profit community based housing development corporations like the Bernal Heights Community Foundation.

2) I believe that all funds must be restored to the Open Space Program. This program was mandated by the voters with the passage of Prop J in 1974 and is sorely needed, especially in District Nine, where our few existing parks are in desperate need of maintenance and repair.

Our parks are essential to our young people and other residents, and I would refuse any cuts in such services. In addition, some existing non-developed land must be preserved for public use. Prop J funds are the primary source for acquisition of such land, and we simply cannot afford to lose this resource.



Classes and workshops on all aspects of women's health begin at The San Francisco Women's Health Center, 3789 24th Street on November 5th.

INTRODUCTION TO CERVICAL SELF-EXAM: November 5, 7:30pm, \$3.

CESAREAN BIRTH WORKSHOP: November 8, 2pm, \$2.

PRE-NATAL EDUCATION: 8-week series starting Nov. 8, 7pm. \$35 inc. Mat.

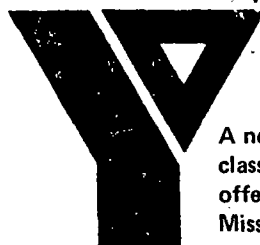
MENOPAUSE & WOMEN IN THEIR MIDDLE YEARS: November 10, 10-1pm. \$7.50.

PREGNANCY, NUTRITION & YOUR TEETH: November 15, 2pm. \$2.

FERTILITY AWARENESS/NATURAL BIRTH CONTROL: Nov. 17, 10-5pm, \$25. inc. Mat.

BREASTFEEDING: November 29, 2pm. \$2.

For more information call 282-6999



A new, six-week series of adult evening classes beginning November 5th will be offered at the Mission YMCA, 4080 Mission Street, in San Francisco.

HOME REPAIRS—Learn about electrical switches and wiring, windows, door locks, plumbing and sheetrocking; hints on materials and where to purchase them.

SHAPING-UP—Body conditioning and fitness in Beginning Jazz Dance, International Folk Dance, Pre-Natal Exercise, Stretching and Yoga. Additional classes in Calligraphy and Drawing as well.

Call 586-6900 for further information.

3) S.F. General Hospital is one of only two hospitals serving the entire Southeastern half of the City (as compared to some dozen hospitals in the Western half), and is the *only* hospital which serves those who cannot afford to pay the exorbitant costs of private medical care.

I serve as an elected consumer representative to the West Bay Health Systems Agency, the federal health planning agency, which has strongly supported full services at both S.F. General and Laguna Honda. The HSA held public hearings to receive community testimony regarding services at S.F. General; we have done a study, soon to be released to the Board of Supervisors, on the administration and governance problems of the hospital, and have attempted to contain expansion of the private hospitals in the Western half of the City.

I am committed to keeping both S.F. General and Laguna Honda open and further, I will work to find a solution to the serious governance and administrative problems of S.F. General which must be resolved.

4) Yes, I have endorsed and actively support Prop O, the Highrise Control Initiative.

Highrise development serves tourists, commuters and downtown big business—not the residents of San Francisco. Over 60% of the jobs in construction and afterwards go to commuters, while we desperately need jobs for

S.F. residents. The continued construction of downtown office space is senseless when the vacancy rate for such offices is high and the vacancy rate for housing units is practically non-existent. Moreover, the provision of City services to downtown—transportation, street cleaning, police protection, etc.—severely reduces such services in our neighborhoods.

Prop O will encourage the construction of new housing and the preservation of historical buildings in the downtown and South of Market areas. The passage of both Prop O and Prop R will provide the beginnings of control over the City's grave housing crisis.

5) Yes, I have supported every neighborhood effort in Bernal Heights to develop plans for the Hill. Both the Elsie Street Plan and the East Slope Study are wonderful pieces of work which I sincerely hope will provide the models for a plan for *all* of Bernal Heights. Further, the process and cooperation which both the Elsie Street and East Slope people have worked out with the Planning Department regarding building permit review must be extended to all of Bernal and the other neighborhoods in District Nine.

As Supervisor I will actively work for the goals laid out in both studies and will work with our Community Foundation to obtain the necessary funding to complete the existing plans as well as for the expansion of these plans for all of Bernal and the District.

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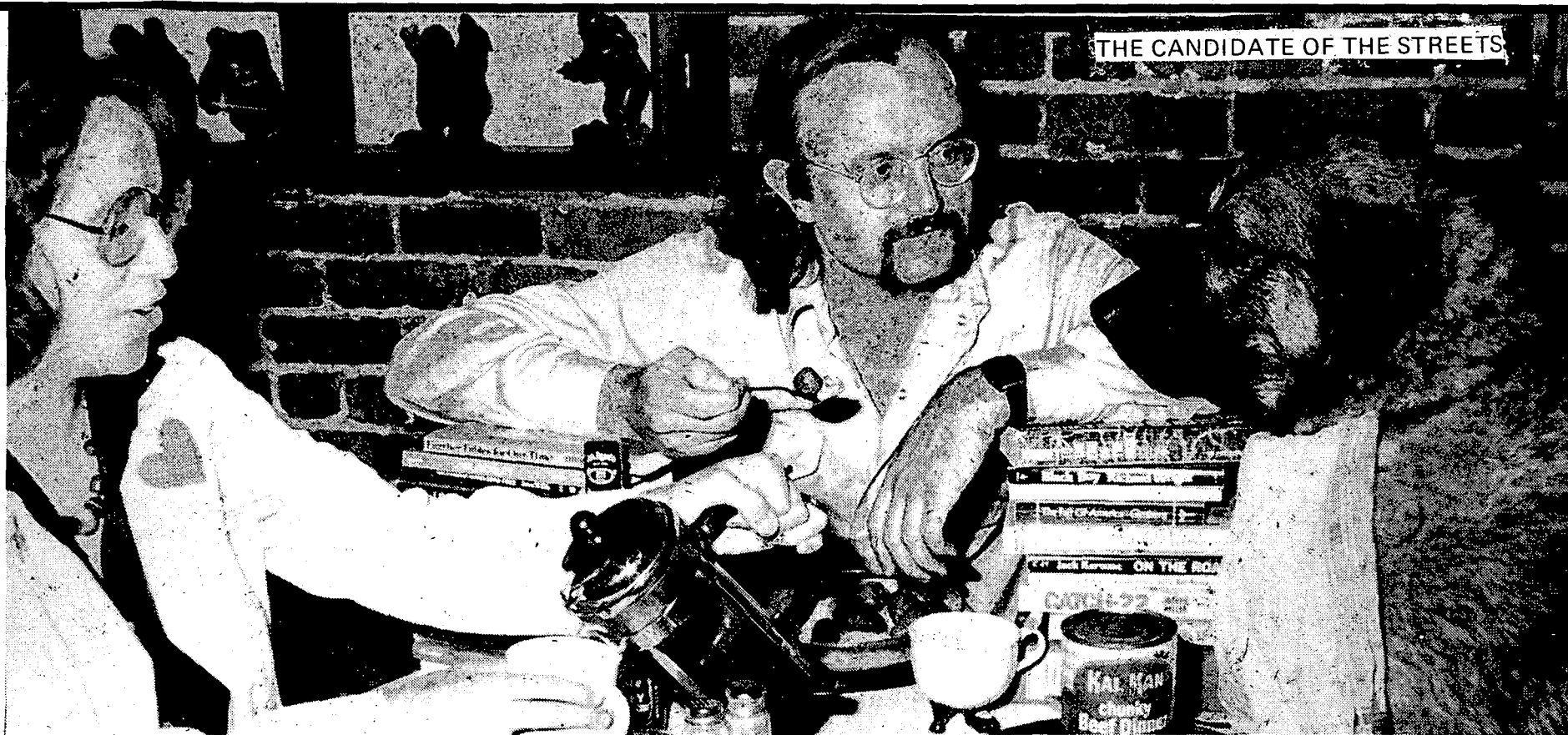
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THE CANDIDATE OF THE STREETS



by Mike Powers

Why not elect a Real Dog for Mayor? Artic Ed the write-in candidate (far right) discusses the possibility with outgoing *Bernal Journal* co-editor Steve Chapple (center) during a Kal-Kan and Strawberries Testimonial Dinner at the Adler Museum Bar in North Beach. Ed's veterinarian, Dr. K. R. Borgenicht, pours coffee at left. The full story below.

Heights Huskie Runs For Mayor

The plush leather-covered couches in the *Journal* offices had been littered with campaign literature for weeks. It had even become impossible to watch the World Series on our Sony Betamax because posters of Dianne Feinstein and Quentin Kopp kept falling from the walls.

The staff was drowning in San Francisco politics but nobody was happy. Ever since the Moscone and Milk assassinations, it seemed that San Francisco's politics were adrift. Except for the Dolson-Walker race for supervisor in our district, there were no real choices.

Suddenly came a brusque scratching at the door, and in walked a brand new candidate.

The candidate was a dog.

Really.

He was, as they say at the Pound, a shepherd-huskie mix, with, he told us later, a bit of elkhound and golden retriever thrown in for good measure.

"There's little difference between the current front-runners," our new entry insisted, echoing our own views, "so why not elect a *real* dog: me. 'Arctic Ed for Mayor.'"

It was a thought all right. We waited for Eddie Murray to pop out, fixed our guest a pork chop (medium rare), and gathered round to hear the candidate's qualifications.

This dog had had a rough beginning. A child of the streets, and a life-long resident of Bernal Heights, he was one of nine puppies (not counting 11 more brothers and sisters from another litter). He'd been weaned early, and hadn't seen his father since conception. He was forced to scrounge at an early age, and had come to know every garbage can and dumpster bin from the back of Safeway to the Alemany Fruit and Vegetable Market.

"My wanderings have given me a smell for the neighborhoods and a special love for the fire

department and their hydrants. Downtown is too dangerous for me and my kind: I am a candidate of the districts."

Ed was especially hot under the collar that Mayor Feinstein was turning the City over to fancy tourist hotels and headquarter offices for the big corporations. "When you drive out industry and encourage housing speculation and condominium development," growled the candidate, "you lose young families and old people, and need I remind you that old folks and friendly children provide the best Treat Runs for charming huskies like myself?"

Ed urged voters not to be specist. "It's not the dogs who create a need for leash laws and the pooper-scooper. It's the 'owners' who are the problem. It seems to me," said Ed slamming his paw on the copy desk and frothing a little, "that this pooper-scooper business is really a red herring. I can assure you it was not a pack of wayward beagles who destroyed the South Bay with San Jose's human sewage!"

A fire truck clanged by on Elsie Street, and Ed excused himself to run outside and howl.

"Remember," he barked, forgetting to shut the door behind himself, "who can best guard the City treasury, a genuine malamute or some biped?" And he left a special note to catlovers, some of whom, he felt, had been spreading vicious rumors. "Don't worry," the note read, "I haven't eaten a kitten in weeks."



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R & O DEBATE

by R.J. Dutra

The quality of life in New York City and Los Angeles appears to be a major issue in San Francisco's up-coming Rent Control and High Rise Initiatives.

A debate between each side of these controversial initiatives was held at St. Kevin's Church

on September 27th. It was sponsored by the District Nine Community Council and hosted by the Mullen-Holladay Group.

PROPOSITION R—Rent Control

Buck Bagot spoke in favor of Affordable Housing saying it would be "an ordinance for everybody . . . that will give tenants protection, a fair return to landlords, expand low interest loans for homeowners, increase the City's housing stock, and speed up the permit process."

John Bulkley, speaking against Prop. R, disagreed: "I don't want to see our City go down the tubes like New York." He said the new ordinance "will take the initiative out of maintaining real estate," and that "class warfare is implicit in Prop. R." Bulkley believes the present rent arbitration board is adequate, and that the new ordinance would create a cumbersome bureaucracy which would aggravate the housing shortage.

Both Bagot and Bulkley urged voters to read the ordinance carefully. Both agreed it would be the City's homeowners, least affected by the ordinance, who will decide if it passes or not.

PROPOSITION O—High Rise Control

David Lilly spoke in favor of the citizens' initiative to limit skyscraper construction claiming "it will preserve and protect this City" by reducing the present height limit from 55 to 20 stories. Lilly said Prop. O will reward developers who include urban amenities, public transportation, architectural and historic merits, and housing considerations in their plans. He warned that congestion in the Financial District will become "unmanageable" if high rises are not limited.

Bill Boyd spoke against height controls saying they "will cause urban sprawl similar to Los Angeles," force companies and jobs out of the City, and channel traffic congestion into new sections. He warned that San Francisco is dependent upon Downtown for much of its budget revenues.

A Bernal resident reminded the audience and speakers that "San Francisco is a different City; there are different situations here." He also said voters should study the initiatives carefully and not be swayed by their opinions concerning New York and Los Angeles.

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BHA

THOUGHTS

from Pat Helton

President of the Bernal Heights Association

The Bernal Heights Association has been around for quite a while. The question, as always, is what will be the impetus of the BHA this year. The answer, as always, lies with the neighborhood, you . . . the people reading these words.

Think about your life and what might be happening to you this coming year. Personally and as a neighborhood, do you think some kind of mutual support could help to lighten the stain? Do you think the BHA is the neighborhood structure to accomplish the goal of mutual support?

My answer is, unequivocally . . . YES. I have seen us work together for 16 years. I have met many fine people who work to make Bernal Heights a pleasant and friendly place to be, people who often put the welfare of the neighborhood before their own concerns.

Among the many problems we may face this year, there are a few that Bernal residents will see for sure:

TRANSPORTATION. The No.10 Monterey line will be drastically rerouted in January, dropping the stops at Golden Gate Park, Forest Hill Station, and the Inner Sunset, unless we do something about it.

STREETSWEEPING. We may have mechanical streetsweepers (expensive, may put people out jobs, can't park on the street for a few hours, and may not be effective), unless we do something about it.

YOUTH. The young people in our neighborhood have few places to go. If you're young and want to "see what's happening," and nothing is, you're going to make something happen. We need to do something about this.

If we organize widely enough, a small group of hard workers will not be doing all the work and, consequently, making all the decisions. Now that we have 10 Vista volunteers, the work load will be considerably lightened.

I urge you to join the Bernal Heights Association now. The price, for a limited time, will be the 1975 rate of \$2, which will run from January to December. Christmas presents to your neighbors? To yourself? You have your choice as to what you want to participate in. If you desire, the *Bernal Journal* will be mailed to your home, free. If you think you are already a member, check the date on your mailing label because your dues may be due.

Whether you join or not, call or visit our neighborhood's office at 307 Cortland, telephone 826-3959. Kate Esposito and Kate Lambert are the Vista volunteers womaning the office from 9 to 5. Someone from the BHA will call you back for a little talk.

BHA MEMBERSHIP

Yes, I want to join the B.H.A. I pledge to try to better my neighborhood in any way I can. Here is my \$2.

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☐ leadership classes for neighborhood meetings
☐ writing classes for the *Bernal Journal* and for taking notes at meetings

☐ layout and design for the *Bernal Journal* and for neighborhood flyers

☐ management for neighborhood events

☐ receive, free, the *Bernal Journal*

☐ receive telephone calls and/or mailings regarding important neighborhood happenings

☐ receive telephone calls regarding important neighborhood decisions

☐ working on committees (youth, community center, transportation, environment, other . . .)

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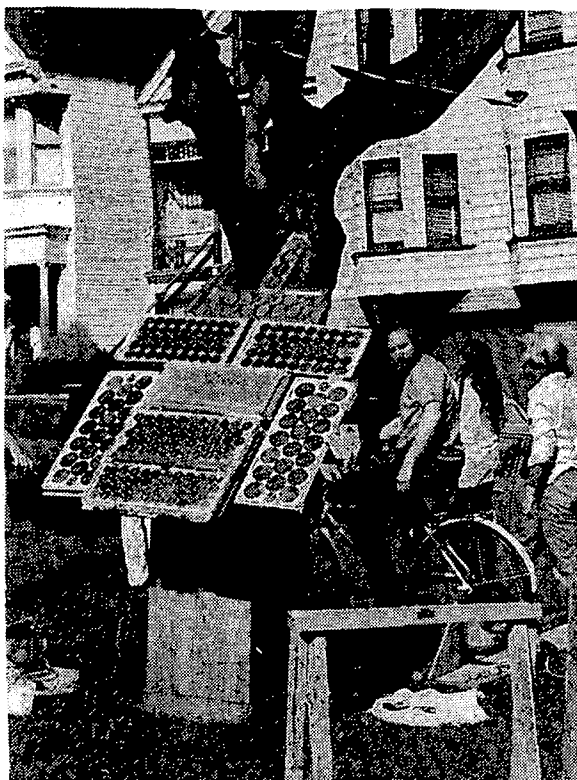


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Solar and Bicycle Power provided sound for the Safe Energy Fair organized by the Bernal Heights Safe Energy Group and the Mission Anti-Nuclear Group (MANG). BHSEG meets the second and fourth Thursday at 307 Cortland at 7:30 PM.

BHCF

By Buck Bagot,
Co-Director, Bernal Heights Community Foundation

(ed. note—The BHCF has been active on the hill for well over a year. Their staff and Board has assisted and supported so many Bernal residents, projects and organizations, that the Journal will now feature them, along with the BHA, in a regular "box" announcing their meeting dates and activities. The following article describes the BHCF organization goals.)

The Bernal Heights Community Foundation (BHCF) is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation serving the needs of Bernal Heights and its residents. The goal of the Community Foundation is to preserve and improve Bernal Heights as a low and moderate income, ethnically and racially integrated, architecturally diverse and beautiful neighborhood, with its fair share of safe streets and decent City services. The BHCF was incorporated in the summer of 1978. Its formation was one of the recommendations of the Elsie St. Plan written by the Northwest Bernal Block Club. The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation has been broadened

to include a membership more representative of the Hill ethnically and geographically. More diverse representation is still desired, with more participation from Latino and Filipino Bernal residents a special priority. The current members of the Board are: Barb Bagot, Maria Basurto, Sedalia Brown, Bob Dutra, Jeanne Hamer, Pat Helton, Miley Holman, Shiela Holman, Gloria Huey (Cortland Merchants' Assoc. representative), Seth Katzman, Katy Korzelius, Anne Kyle Nolan, Keiko Lavasseur, Audrey O'Gilvie, Penny Polatsch, Michael Powers, Margaret Randolph, and Myrtle Walker. The Board of Directors is the legal governing body for the BHCF. The requirements for membership are: 1) demonstrated and continuing commitment to the work of the Community Foundation; 2) a realization of the reality that a low and moderate income community will only get its fair share if it fights for what it deserves; and 3) a commitment to fight for the overall goal of the Community Foundation.

The BHCF is the organization on the Hill for dealing with our neighborhoods' money matters, especially those which require a non-profit corporation to function, i.e., the Community Center or the Bernal VISTA Project. It is not meant to be the umbrella organization for all activity on the Hill. The Board and staff of the BHCF feel that there exists the need for a strong Bernal Heights Association and strong Block Clubs, and the Community Foundation, primarily through the Bernal VISTA Project, is dedicated to strengthening these and other Bernal grassroots organizations. The Community Foundation has received funding for its activities from private foundations (especially the Vanguard Foundation), ACTION/VISTA, and the Community Development Block Grant Program of the City and County of San Francisco. The areas of activity of the BHCF are: the production of affordable housing for low and moderate income Bernal residents, the establishment of a Bernal Community Center, and the Bernal VISTA Project (see chart on this page). The Community Foundation employs: Roger Borgenicht/Co-Director, Development and Housing Production, Buck Bagot/Co-Director, Neighborhood Planning and Organization, Kate Lambert and Kate Esposito/VISTA Supervisors, and Bob Dutra, Anne Hickey, and Benny Degeer as VISTA Volunteers. In late November, Lloyd Wilson, Raymond Mason, and Bruce Barrett will begin as new VISTA Volunteers. The BHCF will hopefully be hiring 3-4 more VISTA Volunteers in March, 1980.

The Community Foundation has five committees: Housing, Community Center, By-Laws, Personnel and Fundraising. All meetings are open to interested Bernal residents, and everyone is encouraged to attend meetings and participate in the work of the BHCF. Full Board meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month (Nov. 12 this month), and work committees meet on the 4th Monday of each month (Nov. 26 this month). All meetings are held at the Temporary Community Center at 307 Cortland Avenue. Our telephone number there is 826-3959 or 282-JUDY. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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CORTLAND AVE. MEETINGS

by R.J. Dutra

"We're one of the most integrated communities in the United States. Bernal Heights! We can set an example for the rest of the nation."

With these words Myrtle Walker has set the tone for a series of meetings being held to come up with solutions to the problems on Cortland Avenue.

The problems are common to the entire City: Violence, muggings, misunderstandings, drugs, drinking, hostility, fear, Police tactics, budget cuts and City neglect.

"We can go on and on about who don't give a damn about us," said Art Hopkins, "but do we give a damn about ourselves?"

Bruce Thomas agreed: "It is *you* in this community who can change it, no one else... all of us together saying we want a decent neighborhood."

These regular meetings are Bernal's way of coping with a City-wide problem. Some are "gripe sessions" to clear the air, while others work towards positive solutions beneficial to everyone.

A Temporary Youth Committee has been formed to work with adults, property owners and merchants. Chairpersons Mitch Salazar, Craig Doran, Mark Bradley, and Wayne Henry will gather youths' ideas and solutions to incorporate them into a united, hill-wide front.

Together they have already agreed to request the return of Officers Joe Williams and Art Tapia to the Police Department's restored Community Relations Board. Both are well known and respected Officers who can be met without fear and handle situations before they become serious.

Youths have agreed to join the Community Center Committee to make sure Bernal gets in

1980 what it has been promised for the last ten years.

Merchants, parents and youths are arranging a Police-Community Meeting to combat fear of the Police and make their necessary presence acceptable to everyone.

Bad news is put aside while Bernal's good points are praised: We have a Branch Library, and Librarian Ruth Maginnis, involved with and committed to the neighborhood. Precita Park has been enjoying a renaissance reminiscent of the late '60s—all Peace and Love. Our churches, merchants, local organizations—our homes are filled with dedicated people donating their time for the Hill's benefit.

Murals are being planned to replace graffiti. Residents are organizing a neighborhood clean-up for Saturday, November 3, which will feature 15 free dumpsters and the *washing* of Cortland's sidewalks!

The Youth Committee plans to work with the Open Space Committees to arrange picnics for the top-of-the-hill, and to take some of Bernal Blvd. away from the automobile and give it over to joggers, bikers, skaters and others. Mitch Salazar would like to secure permission for "low-riders to park, show their cars and play their music on the Boulevard."

Good vibes, increased participation and positive steps are coming out of these meetings. If you care, talk it over with your neighbors and bring your ideas to the next meetings. Watch for the flyers, or drop in at one of Cortland's community offices to find out when and where the next meeting will be.

Working together Bernal Heights can live up to Myrtle Walker's words and show the rest of the City how it's done!



Theater Classes

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November Get Together

The Bernal Heights Association is planning a November get together, a day for us to thank the many people who have put energy into making Bernal Heights a good place to live. You may be such a person. Don't be shy and modest. Tell us what you have done. Perhaps you have a friend or neighbor who has been helpful to others. Let us know... and, come and help us celebrate. Bring something to share with others... food, flowers, entertainment... THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13... ST. KEVINS (Thank you St. Kevins) 6:30 Potluck... 7:30 Entertainment and Thank You... Show up for a good time.

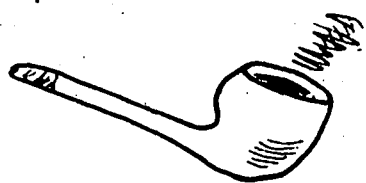
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BERNAL RECYCLING CENTER

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by Linda Walsh

At least 100 people do it every Saturday. From 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., they bring their glass, tin, aluminum and newspaper to the Bernal Recycling Center in the parking lot of the Farmer's Market. Forty-five people came to recycle on May 26, the opening day. On Saturdays since, there have been up to 120 recyclers.

Usually, there are three to five people at the site working. These volunteers help explain where things go, assist recyclers and help keep the area clean. It's appreciated when recyclers squash their own cans and put newspapers and glass in their respective containers (on Saturdays only).

Anyone who wants some exercise in the fresh air on a Saturday can volunteer a few hours at the Center. Shifts are in the morning or afternoon. Sign up at the Center.

The creation of the Center was made possible by a \$2500 Neighborhood Bicentennial Grant and the consistent work of members of the community. Recently, Ruth Nomura, Co-President of Bernal Recycling Center, was presented with a Letter of Commendation from the City (Mayor Feinstein) for her involvement.

Plans are in process to accept cardboard at the Center and will help further to reduce materials being thrown into the garbage. Recycling helps reduce solid waste, save energy and put litter in its place.

RECYCLING TIP OF THE MONTH: Call 800-952-5545, toll free, to find out where to recycle motor oil.

Profits from recycling are not a tremendous amount, but what comes will go back into community or environmental projects. The first donation of \$25 went to the Community Center committee for office supplies. Some of the profits go back into the Recycling Center for tools, insurance, publicity flyers or office supplies.

BERNAL HEIGHTS CLEAN-UP

(Cont. from page 1)



bags and brooms to the right places at the right times.

But it takes the energy of the people in the community to get things organized and the work done. Volunteers are needed to join the forces of residents, workers, groups and merchants who have started planning the Clean-Up. Join in on Saturday morning if not sooner! (The Mayor and Supervisor Dolson have been invited to the 9 a.m. kick-off on November 3.)

The following is a tentative list of debris box locations. Look for posters with the finalized locations. The boxes will be put out early Saturday morning and picked up Monday morning by DPW. Tentative locations:

Cortland/Prospect (in front of empty lot)
Cortland/Bennington
Cortland/Andover (Bernal Library)
Andover/near Cortland (vacant lot below gym)
Holly Park Circle/Appleton
Putnam/Ogden
Tompkins near Gates
Powhatten/Moultrie
Prospect/Virginia

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Call 282-5839 or 826-3959 (ask for Kate Esposito or Linda Walsh) for more information or if you know of a littered area that needs treatment on November 3 Clean-Up Day.

'Too Much Noise' Leads to CBP Hearing

Working Together

One of the neighbors was elderly. She suffered with insomnia and was very much disturbed by the slightest noise. Other illnesses made it mandatory that she have rest and quiet. The next door neighbor, a young mother who worked very hard during the day, would return home in the evening, do household chores and listen to the stereo to relax.

When the younger of the two first moved in, she introduced herself and asked the neighbor to let her know if she made too much noise. Despite the young woman's effort to be conscientious, the noise still disturbed her older neighbor. While the people liked each other, their conflict eventually led to a Community Board hearing.

"We're not here to judge you; we're your neighbors," the panel chairperson explained in an opening remark to the disputants. As the hearing progressed, the five-member board helped the neighbors to define their concerns: The older woman could not sleep at night because of the noise. The younger neighbor wanted to relax and work as she pleased in her own house. Both wanted to do something about the roach problem which seemed to plague the entire block.

Since the neighbors trusted and liked each other, both expressed sympathy and concern. When the older woman mentioned that the unit had once been reserved for seniors, the other woman said, "We should watch out for each other. It makes no more sense to put old folks in one area and young ones in another than it does to keep groups of people apart because of their race."



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Arts & Crafts Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 (ages 9 and up)
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Precita Singers Thursdays 3:30-5:00 (ages 12 and up)
Training in voice, harmonizing, writing and singing in an ensemble in all kinds of musical styles. FREE.

Flamenco Dancing Fridays 3:30-4:30 (for young women)
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Precita Players Monday and Wednesday 3:30-5:00 (ages 12-16). A performance company for young actors and actresses including professional instruction in technical training and performance. Fee.

Jazz Ensemble Thursdays 7:00-8:30 at 362 Capp Street Center. Training for young people in improvisational technique, reading, arranging composition and other aspects. Participants should have own instruments and be familiar with major/minor scales in all keys.

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Here are some of the qualifications:

1. Be a resident of the East Slope Study Project Area. This is defined as being bounded (a) on the east by the James Lick Freeway to Ogden Ave.; (b) on the south by Ogden to Putnam; (c) on the west by Putnam, Nebraska, Carver, Rosenkrans, and Alabama to Army St.; and (d) on the north by Army St. to the James Lick Freeway.
2. Be able and willing to put in the necessary time and work.
3. Have a primary interest in the aesthetic issues as indicated in the E. Slope Study.
4. Have worked with the neighborhood, in its housing issues in the past.
5. Or have special qualifications if you cannot meet all of the above requirements.

Because of utility needs, not every qualified person may be accepted.

BH Senior Citizens

Canon Kip offers free transportation for grocery shopping to Senior Citizens on Saturdays and Sundays. My mother, Mrs. Murphy, uses this service; but the group she is in live all over the city and all shop at the Safeway on Bush and Larkin Streets. This Safeway is very expensive, very small and is far away. Canon Kip told my mother that if she can get a group of BH residents consisting of four or five other Seniors, then they could be taken to Brentwood Market off Alemany Blvd., Bell Market off Silver Avenue, or the Safeway at 30th and Mission Streets, here in our area.

Maybe we can all get together and prevent BH Seniors from having to pack their groceries up our hills on foot. Canon Kip's transportation phone number is 931-3933. Thank you. Jacklyn Johns . . . 282-1852.

Board Members Wanted

The Southeast Mental Health District Community Advisory Board (C.A.B.) is looking for two volunteers from Bernal Heights to serve as members. C.A.B. serves as citizens advocate for the city mental health programs in District Three. The district includes Bernal Heights, Bayview, Hunters Point, Portola, Excelsior, Crocker Amazon, and Visitacion Valley.

There are no specific qualifications for Board members, any experience or interest in mental health is adequate.

We especially encourage youth and senior applications. Presently neither group is represented on the board yet many new programs in the district are aimed at serving the special problems and needs of adolescents and seniors. Board members are required to attend a regular meeting on the second Monday of the month and committee meetings in the area of their special interest. Some of the more active committees now regularly meeting are Childrens, Planning and Evaluation, Contracts and Training.

If you have any interest in C.A.B.'s activities, contact Careth Reid, Coordinator, 2601-20th Street, San Francisco, CA 94110.

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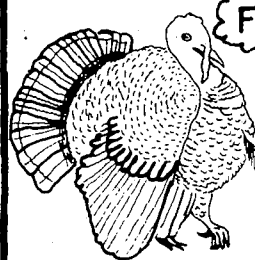
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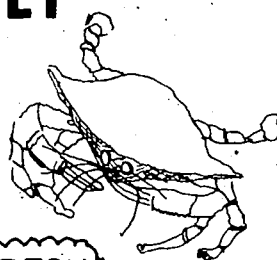
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